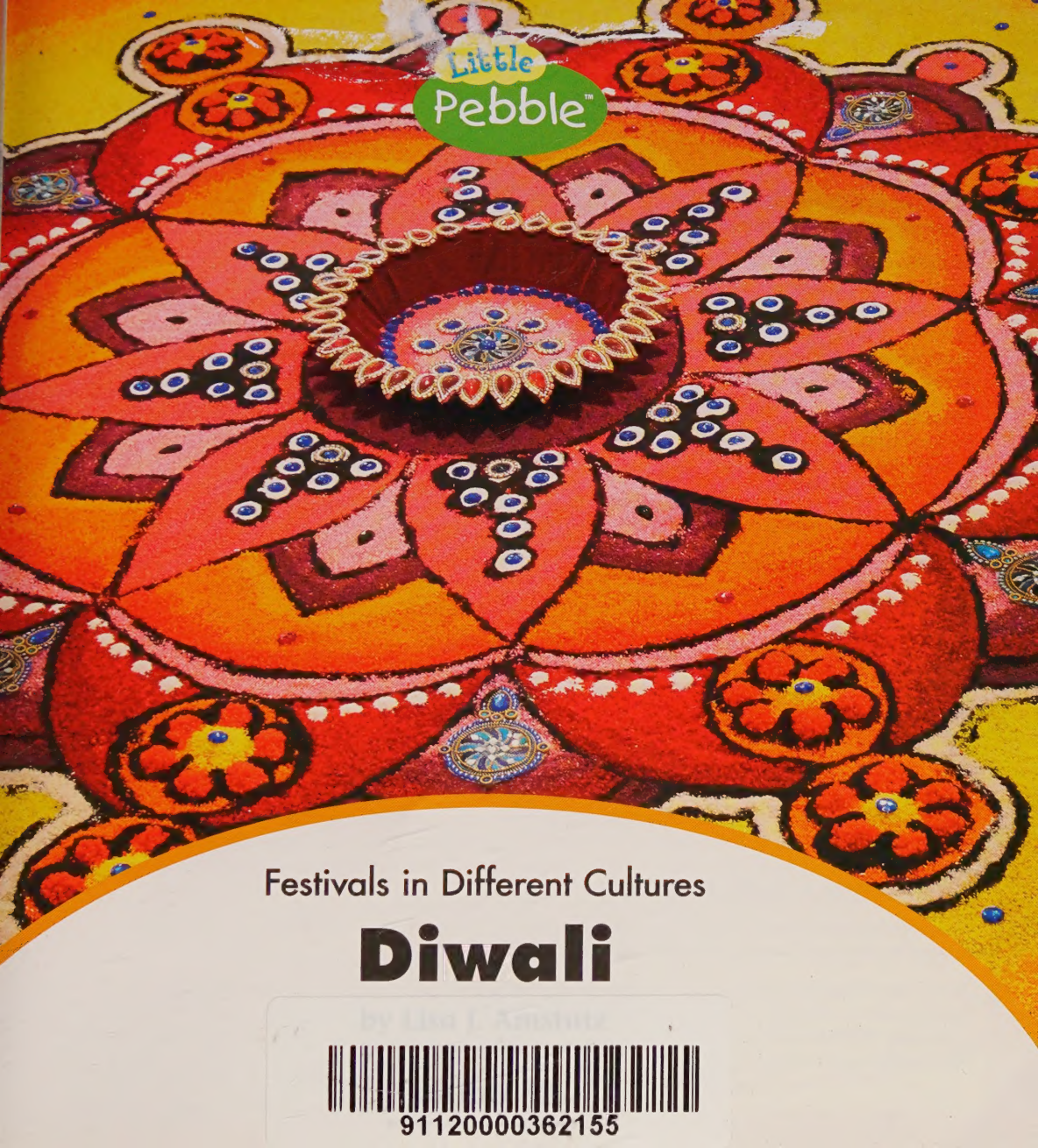


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What is Diwali?

Look at all the lights!

Diwali is here!





Diwali is in October or
November. This holiday
lasts five days.



It is a time to pray
and give thanks.





Getting ready

People clean their homes.

They buy new clothes. They
paint their hands and feet.





Diwali begins

Some people give gifts.

They share sweets.





Families have a feast.
They talk and have fun.





Diyas glow. They welcome
the Gods. They show that
good wins over evil.





See the pretty art?
Rangoli is made
of sand, rice or flowers.
People put it by the door.





Pop! Boom! Fireworks light
the sky. Happy Diwali!





Glossary

Diwali Hindu holiday; Hindus follow the religion of Hinduism

diya oil lamp made from clay

feast large, fancy meal for a lot of people on a special occasion

fireworks rockets that make loud noises and colourful lights when they explode

pray speak to God and give thanks

rangoli patterns made on the floor with coloured sand, rice or flowers

Read more

Diwali (Holidays and Festivals), Nancy Dickman
(Heinemann Library, 2011)

A Story of Diwali: The Festival of Light, Pippa Howard
(PJ Books, 2012)

Happy Diwali: The Festival of Light, Joyce Bentley (Hachette
Children's Group, 2016)

Websites

www.activityvillage.co.uk/diwali

Learn about Diwali and how it's celebrated.
Play games, enjoy crafts and read stories all
about Diwali!

www.diwalfestival.org

Learn about Diwali and what it means to the
people that celebrate it.

Comprehension questions

1. Name three things people may do during Diwali.
2. Diyas do two important things. What are they?

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What will this special time bring?
Lights? Prayers? Sweets to share?
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